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On The Border: Operational Ground Truths and Legal Questions

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Location: Gittis 214, Haaga Classroom

A discussion between Jayson Ahern, former Acting Commissioner of Customs & Border Protection (CBP), and Penn Law Professor Mark Nevitt on the current situation at the Southern Border, legal challenges to Trump's national emergency declaration, and the relationship between defense and homeland security.

The Penn Law National Security Society and Penn Law's American Constitution Society present a discussion between Jayson Ahern, former Commissioner of Customs & Border Protection (CBP), and Penn Law Professor and Sharswood Fellow, Mark P. Nevitt. Topics of discussion will include border security and policy, current legal and operational questions surrounding Trump's declaration of a national emergency in order to fund construction at the U.S.-Mexico border, the role of lawyers at the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, and the relationship between these two departments. Shake Shack will be served!

Jayson Ahern: As a 33 year law enforcement professional and the former acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Department of Homeland Security, Jayson Ahern was responsible for securing, managing and controlling our nation's borders. With service in both domestic and foreign locations, Ahern directed the agency's 58,000 employee workforce to keep terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country, while also carrying out CBP's other border-related responsibilities. He is currently a principal at the Chertoff Group, a global security advisory firm, and he serves on the boards of various security-focused companies. In addition, Mr. Ahern regularly testifies before congress on issues of homeland and border security.

Mark P. Nevitt: Drawing on his experience as a tactical jet aviator and attorney in the U.S. Navy, Mark Patrick Nevitt's writing examines civilian control of military institutions generally, with a focus on the intersection of environmental, administrative, and national security law. His publications have appeared or are forthcoming in the *Washington University Law Review*, *Boston College Law Review*, *Oxford University Press*, *Georgia Law Review*, *Cardozo Law Review* and *Berkeley Journal of International Law*, among others. He routinely blogs for NYU Law's *Just Security* and Penn Law's *Regulatory Review*.

Mark graduated from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) and attended law school through the Navy's Law Education Program, receiving his J.D. and LL.M. *with distinction* from the Georgetown University Law Center. A former tactical jet aviator who received several military awards to include the Air Medal, his Navy JAG assignments have included serving as a criminal defense counsel in Lemoore, California; international law and ethics attorney with the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy; Deputy Director for



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